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**STATEMENT OF RECUSAL AND
APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT COUNSEL
BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE**

WHEREAS, the Acting United States Attorney for the District of Delaware has notified the State of Delaware Department of Justice (“the Department”) of his intention to refer evidence or material relating to potential violations of Delaware’s election laws or campaign finance laws (“the Allegations”);

WHEREAS, it is my constitutional and statutory duty as the Attorney General to provide for the enforcement of the civil and criminal laws of this State and, to that end, it is my intention and desire to ensure that the Allegations be thoroughly investigated and, if warranted, prosecuted;

WHEREAS, in order to avoid any appearance of conflict, I believe that I should recuse myself from all aspects of the investigation, and possible prosecution of the Allegations, and appoint an experienced and highly qualified individual as independent counsel to conduct the investigation and any prosecution of the Allegations, as said independent counsel deems necessary and proper in accordance with Delaware law;

WHEREAS, in my capacity as Attorney General, I have express statutory authority pursuant to 29 *Del.C.* § 2505(d) to appoint persons, authorized by rule of the State Supreme Court to practice law in the courts of this State, to be my assistants or special assistants;

WHEREAS, such assistants appointed pursuant to 29 *Del.C.* § 2505(d) shall have such powers, duties and responsibilities as designated by the Attorney General; and

NOW THEREFORE, in my capacity as Attorney General, I hereby recuse myself from all aspects of the investigation and possible prosecution of the Allegations and, pursuant to my authority under 29 *Del.C.* ch. 25, including § 2505(d) thereof, appoint The Honorable E. Norman Veasey to serve as independent counsel to investigate and prosecute, as necessary in the judgment of said independent counsel, all aspects of the Allegations.

Dated: _____

June 23, 2011

Joseph R. Biden, III
Attorney General of the State of Delaware

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Sec. 2505(d), Title 29; Delaware Code of 1974, as amended, I have constituted and appointed and, by these presents, do hereby constitute and appoint **E. Norman Veasey**, as Special Deputy Attorney General of the State of Delaware.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 23rd day of June, A.D., 2011.


JOSEPH R. BIDEN, III
ATTORNEY GENERAL

STATE OF DELAWARE)
) SS.
NEW CASTLE COUNTY)

BE IT REMEMBERED that on this 23rd day of June, A.D., 2011, personally came before me the Subscriber, **E. Norman Veasey**, who having been by me duly sworn according to law did take and subscribe the following oath.

"I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Delaware; and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Assistant Attorney General of the State of Delaware according to the best of my ability."


E. Norman Veasey
Bar # 702

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me the day and year aforesaid.


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